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DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen hens and consumer sized toms was steady to instances weak. Demand light at best with some buyers waiting until after the holidays before expressing interest. Holiday fill-in trading slow. Offerings mixed and held with varied degrees of confidence. Retail feature activity has improved over last week on fresh and frozen whole turkeys and rib breasts for the upcoming holidays. The market tone on white meat was steady to instances weak, mostly steady to barely steady. The rib breast undertone was steady for current shipments, thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey steady to barely steady. Demand and trading on most items was slowing as industry members start preparing for the upcoming holiday processing schedules. Trading slow. Offerings mixed.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading slow. Some activity was noted on frozen toms for January, 2007 export shipments. Demand light to instances moderate. Offerings short to fully adequate, mostly light to adequate.

<u>WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS</u>, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 12, 2006**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITI	OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	
8-16 LB HENS				` ,		()		, ,		
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
16-24 LB TOMS										
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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EASTERN REGION 3/	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-73	70	70.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-75	73-75	74.82	44	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72	_	_	-	_	_	_	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degress F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 12 DECEMBER 2006.

The market tone on tom drums and tom full-cut wings was steady to fully steady, tom 2-joint wings steady and tom necks steady to instances barely steady. Demand on tom drums moderate to good, tom full-cut wings light to moderate, tom 2-joint wings and tom necks light. Inquiry on tom 2-joint wings and necks was best into export channels. Offerings of tom drums and full-cut wings short to adequate, tom 2-joint wings light to instances fully adequate and tom necks adequate to instances ample. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to barely steady. Demand light for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey (MST) was steady to barely steady. Demand seasonally slow for the adequate to ample supplies. Domestic trading was moderate on white meat and exports centered on tom 2-joint wings, balance slow.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		M	129.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE AFRESH 2/		F	179.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	118.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	40.00		40.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOMFRESH		M	39.00	80
DRUMSTICKS,HEN		F	36.00	48
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	33.20	261
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	43.00	4
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	54.00		54.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	79.20	50
NECKS, TOM		F	29.70	125
NECKS,HEN		F	30.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	193.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOMFRESH 3/	198.00-200.00		199.25	320
THIGH MEAT		F	95.00	10
THIGH MEATFRESH		F	97.00	25
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	77.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		M	80.00	20
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	171.00-175.00		171.80	200
DESTRAPPED TENDERSFRESH	177.00		177.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	77.00	_	77.00	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	16.33	84
MECHANICALLY SEPARATEDFRESH 4/	18.00		18.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	38.00-39.00		38.50	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	32.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	49.00-50.00		49.25	416
TAILS		F	27.50	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	16.25	160
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	93.00-95.00		94.00	160

^{1/} CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAYT=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

^{2/} Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/15-20% fat with skin added.

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURK DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND I		SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RETAILERS
	RANGE	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	120-135	FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16# 112-121
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	120-135	FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24# 112-121
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	120-135	FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16# 96-100
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	120-135	FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24# 94-96
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	120-135	FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28# 94-102

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA POULTRY HEALTH BOARD
SEASON
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30
HEAVY WHITE HEAVY WHITE TOTAL

2006-2007 11/29/06
2005-2006 11/23/05
DATA UNAVAILABLE.